

Easton Historic District Commission
Easton, Maryland
May 26, 2009

Members Present: Roger Bollman, Kurt Herrmann, Mac Brittingham, John Sener, Lena Gill.

Absent: Joyce DeLaurentis.

Mr. Bollman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Opening statement given by the Chairman.

The Commission operates under the authority granted to it by section 701 of the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance. And, I hereby open the record of the public hearing on cases heard this evening and, in accordance with our legal responsibilities, I enter into the record the following items: notice of the public hearing, adopted design guidelines, resumes of commission members and any consultants used by the Commission, records of any previous meetings, and any letters to the Commission on a case.

The decisions of the HDC may be appealed within 30 days of approval.

General Order of the hearing of Applications

- *Introduction of the application by the presiding officer*
- *Presentation by the applicant or his agent*
- *Questions by members of the Commission*
- *Public comment*
- *Petitioner rebuttal*
- *Discussion and consideration by the Commission*
- *Decision motion and statement of Basis for Decision*
- *The applicant may withdrawn the application at any time up to when the vote is taken*

A Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse upon the expiration of the corresponding Building Permit. For applications that require a building permit but for which none is issued, this Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months after its issuance. In the event a building permit is not required, the Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months from its issuance if substantial work is not underway. For good cause shown, this period may be extended by the Commission.

I will now entertain a motion to accept the agenda for this evening.

The agenda for the evening was accepted 5-0.

Consent Docket Approvals

None

Staff Approvals

31-2009 216 S. Hanson St. Re-roof like and same

Business:

24-2009 102 E. Dover St. Andy Smith (O.N. Andrews)

Mr. Smith did not appear. No action was taken. The application remains tabled because it is incomplete (no details).

Tabled because the application is incomplete – Motion by Sener, passed 5-0.

26-2008 215 S. Hanson St. Marianna Leshner, Owner.

This is an addition to a recently approved application. It covers an outside light fixture beside the door on the south side of the building. It is consistent with the original approval.

Approved as Submitted – Motion by Gill, passed 5-0.

30-2009 120 Goldsborough St. Kurt Herrmann, Contractor.

Mr. Herrmann recused himself. This application covers restoration or in-kind replacement of the original German clapboard siding. Mr. Herrmann, representing the owner, again requested that the application be tabled so that revisions/additions to the application could be made.

Tabled – Motion by Sener, passed 4-0.

32-2009 313 S. Hanson St. Barbara Hargroves, Owner; Matt Hurst, Contractor.

This application covers re-sloping the porch deck and new porch decking. The porch was added after the house was built, likely in the last 5 -10 years and features vinyl bead board ceiling, vinyl wrapped headers, and vinyl railings. The application is consistent with the spirit of GL pg 58, R3.

Approved as Submitted – Motion by Herrmann, passed 5-0.

33-2009 124 N. Harrison St. John Haugh, Owner, Jeff Knapp, Contractor, Sharon Griener, Tenant.

This application covers primarily items of deferred maintenance that are needed. The following are clarifications of several items in the submission:

- All foundations will be repaired and re-pointed as needed.
- All existing (wood) windows and associated woodwork will be repaired as needed.
- All repairs/replacements of cornices, beams, fascias, and other trim will be wood.
- Velv-a-Lume storm windows will be considered in plans for replacing the current storm windows (old triple track).
- All existing shutters (wood) will be repaired. Where this proves impossible, replacement shutters will be wood and closely match existing shutters. Replacement of any currently missing shutters will also be wood and closely match existing shutters.
- The current rear 2nd floor egress landing and stairs will be replaced (all wood replacement material). The railings will duplicate those on the front porch, the hood over the door will be removed and the siding repaired, the railings will be painted, and the stairs will scissor back to the north from the landing so as to reduce the visual impact of long stairs (see Sketch #1 & #2).
- The existing wood fence along the south and east property lines will be replaced with a similar wood 4' fence (see photos A&B) except there will a 6' section that will run from the beginning of the handicapped ramp to the end of the shed attached to the building.

The application meets the Guidelines on pg 43 R5, 51 R1, 52 R7, 34 S & R2, and 32 R1 & R4.

Approved as noted above – Motion by Gill, passed 5-0.

Items from the Commission

- The unapproved window installation at 205 Davis will require that the owner come before the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Bollman
Chairman

cc: Zach Smith